

## **CAG Meeting – 8/2/12**

David says: Liz & Ray will be at the Sept CAG meeting to give more detailed look at what was done for Removal Phase 1.

Debbie Mans & Jennifer Samson: Where did Removal Phase I waste go and why were there 2 locations? → get back to them.

Ella: why is the UPF being dismantled since Phase 2 still needs to be done?

What is the plan in Phase 2? → Sept CAG.

Debbie: What are the companies that make up Pear Technologies? → Get back to Debbie.

Stephanie: Estimate 18,000 cy to be removed. Probably not all to be treated, so some disposal

CAG wants to review results of bench scale studies – EPA will share reports.

Stephanie says she will go over 30% design at next CAG meeting.

What stakeholder input were we contemplating on design?

- Time critical removal means we have strict deadlines.
- Removal Ph 1 shared design at pre-final stage. 30% design may be too early to share.
- There may be individual sections/documents that make sense to share, but not sure yet.
- If 30% design looks great, perhaps we could share – let us review it.
- Ben Delisle: Interest in impact on recreational users of river; how will barging logistics work?
- Through August, talk to Sarno & heads to see if anything should be shared, should CAG form subcommittee.

Need to have a meeting with all 3 entities impacted by RM10.9: county, town, PRC.

Has CPG set benchmarks that inform decision on whether to move forward with pilots? Rob Law's answer:

- Reducing concentrations enough to go to Subtitle D landfill.
- Costs of Subtitle C landfill vs. Costs of decon treatment + Subtitle D

After removal:

- On barge, transport to facility in NB area, off-load.
- Some materials dewatered & disposed. Other material treated.
- Goal to minimize impacts on parks in Lyndhurst – no staging.
- UPF site may be defined in pre-final design.
- If any more info on UPF site in Sept, definitely provide.

Carol wants to hear overall plan or process on how we will deal with contamination in river – hot spots, FFS, 17-miles.

By Sept CAG, might have results of SSP, which might lead to RM10.9-like investigation.

Report of someone fishing on RM10.9 mudflat → post signs?

Ella: Proposal from private parties presented to EPA to accelerate cleanup of river. CAG wants Ella to invite them to make presentation at future CAG.

- Note: I said that a verbal proposal was made at a meeting with Walter & Ray, which was a surprise. It did not have any facts about whether risks would be reduced and nothing in writing has been submitted.

MaryLou Bonjiorno: North Ward resident

- Odors from dewatering plant – they have tracked the odors to Removal with help of NJDEP.
- Asked about cumulative health effects of chlorobenzenes.
- Dredging might open Pandora's box. Need to trap odors.
- Jeff says that he knows sewer gas is a big problem in 2 specific streets that he has driven down near North Ward.
- Lenny says that he lives between Removal and Bonjiornos and he has not had odor problems from Removal.
- Ella asks why this is an issue, since air monitoring is in place and CAG has kept watch on data.

Doug Sarno says that CAG will get a full recap of air monitoring data in Sept.

- Said that will invite NJDEP.

AY to look into whether CAG can invite Eric Stern to make a presentation on decon.

Ella putting panel together for PR Symposium (4 experts): legal, technical & scientific, engineering and future vision for Passaic River cleanup.

Oct 13 – shell race on LPR – high schools nationally participate. Enter water through dock upstream of RM10.9, paddle down to RM10.9 for start of race. No contact with RM10.9 mudflat.

Mary Bruno – An American River – new book about PR.

Send Sheldon Lipke & Joe Nardone information on model (general description, graphic of model components).